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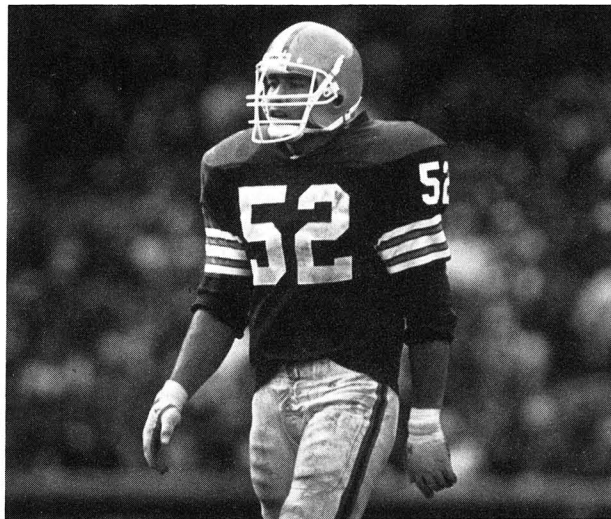
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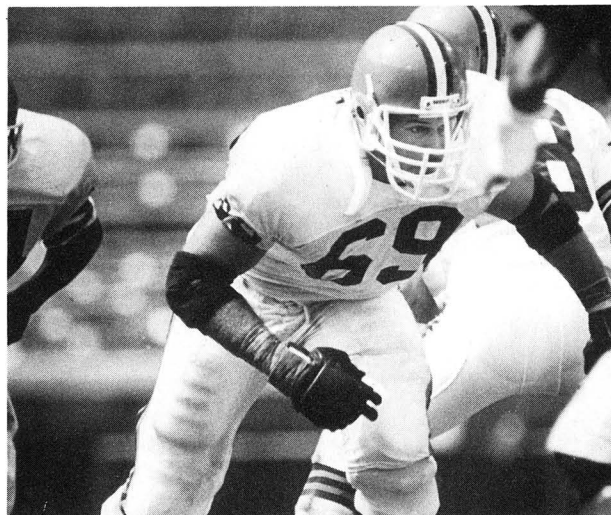
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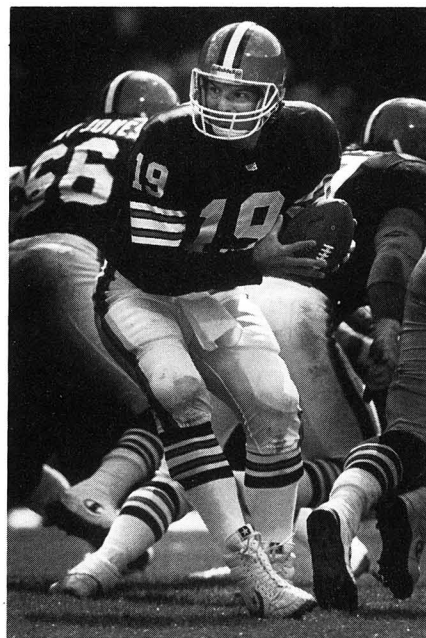
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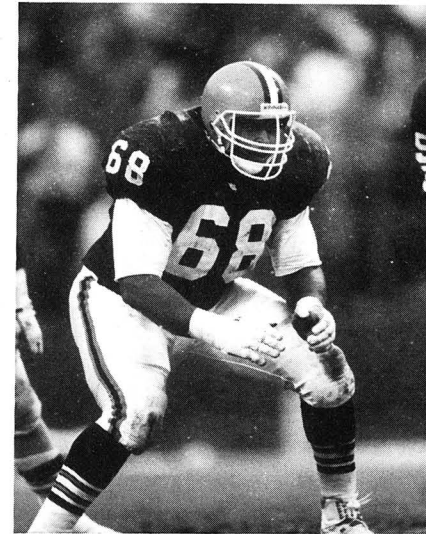
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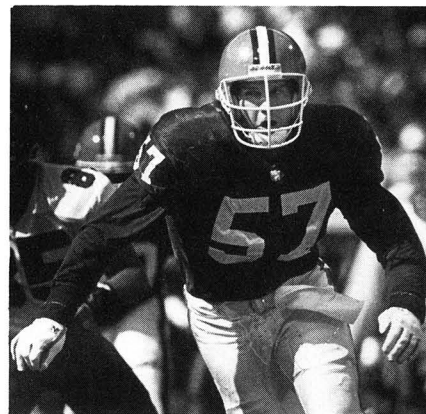
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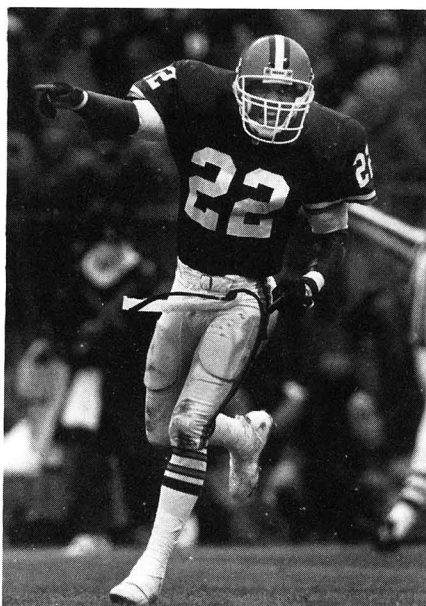
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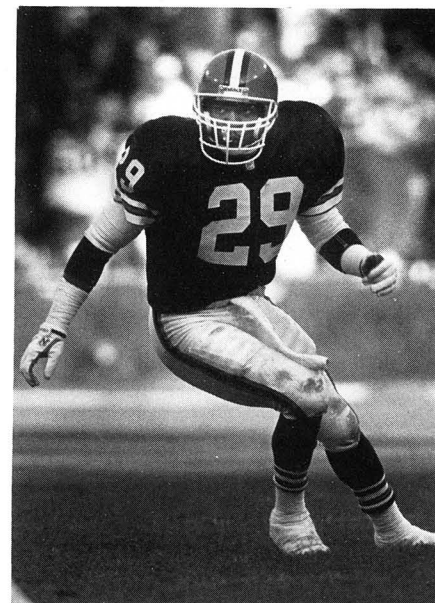
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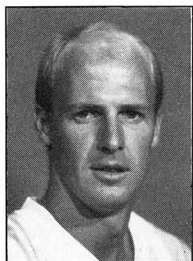
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Todd Philcox — Quarterback



6'-4", 225 lbs., 3rd Year
Syracuse
Norwalk (Conn.) H.S.
Born: September 25, 1966
Norwalk, Conn.
Free Agent (Unprotected: Bengals), 1991

PRO: Enters second season as a backup to Kosar after signing as an unprotected free agent on April 1, 1991 from the Bengals . . . Originally signed by Cincinnati as a free agent in 1989, Todd had a spot on the developmental squad throughout the season . . . In 1990, won the backup job, but played sparingly; two pass attempts, no completions, one interception, and two sacks (minus nine yards) . . . Last year, Todd saw action in four games, after winning the back-up job with a strong preseason . . . Completed four of eight passes for 49 yards and one interception . . . Career totals are four completions in 10 attempts for 49 yards and two interceptions, with a LG of 28 yards.

Q & A With... Frank Minnifield

By Bruce Speight, Jr.

Q: How has the cornerback position evolved during your career?

A: It has evolved significantly. Before I became a cornerback in the National Football League, the cornerbacks all looked like outside linebackers that could run.

They were all 6' 2, 6' 1, 6' 0 and over 200 pounds. They were able to do this because the rules of the NFL allowed them to hit the receiver at any time during the course of the play. But early in the 1980's, they changed the rule and said that you can no longer hit a receiver anytime you felt like it except when you had this receiver within a five yard zone. As soon as that happened, the larger defensive back could no longer play against the smaller, cat-quick receivers. So when the rules changed, the position of playing cornerback changed. If you look around the NFL now, most teams have a cornerback similar to Frank Minnifield.

Of the personal goals you have established for yourself, which have you accomplished and which remain?

I've basically accomplished all of my personal goals in football. A team goal is the Super Bowl, and that's a goal that should be for every football player in the NFL. That's a goal that we have not accomplished but that's not a personal goal, that's a team goal. Other than that, I've done everything in the NFL I've set out to accomplish.

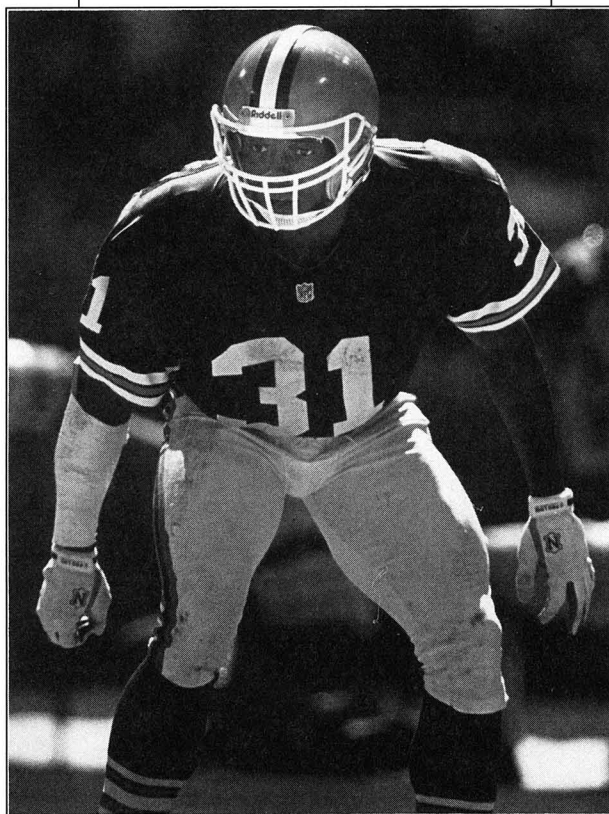
What has been the high point of your career, and the low point?

I believe those two things came at the same time on the same day. The high point was the time when our team, the Cleveland Browns, played in the three championship games against the Denver Broncos. The low point came on the same day because we lost all three. One of

any three would have given us an opportunity to play in the Super Bowl and then everything would've fallen into place and all goals, all high points, all low points, would have been accomplished.

How do you want to be remembered?

I want to be remembered as a person that played hard, played all the time. A person that you had to prepare to play against. A person that you could not at all give any



edge to because he would take advantage of it. A person that under all circumstances, whenever he walked out on the field he was intent on being the best. And a person that's never done anything illegal. A person that you could trust. A person that cared about what happened to other people.

What gave you the idea to use a computer to enhance your game?

I really don't think a computer enhanced my game at all and to give you a little synopsis of how the computer came about — the computer came about basically on necessity. When I worked for Coach George Allen in the USFL, he had me charting the receivers. Well, that evolved into charting the whole offense and I was doing that by hand and that chore got so big, the only thing we could do was to use a computer to make the load of charting an offense easier. It's nothing new to the NFL. NFL teams have been doing it for years and years but for

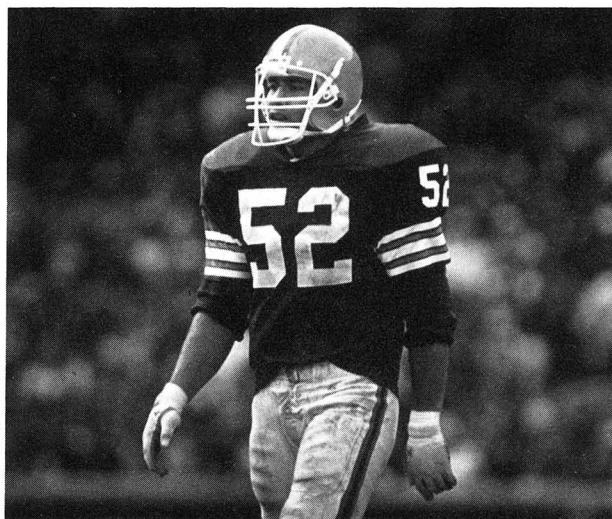
some reason this technology has not reached the players. I realized five years ago that it's a necessity for this information to reach the player because pro football is a communication data-driven game. The more you know about the opponent, the more you communicate what you know to the other players on your team about your opponent. The more you can anticipate what your opponent is about to do, the greater the edge you have in this game. And the mental edge in this game is greater than the physical edge because if someone knows what you are going to do, it's impossible to do it in the National Football League.

What kind of impact has it had on your performance?

Virtually, the computer has had no impact on my performance. The will to prepare and just good ethics and good concentration and all those type things are the things that had impacts on my performance. The computer has done nothing. The computer has not made a tackle. The computer has not intercepted a pass. The computer has not, I repeat not, recovered a fumble. The computer has done very little. This is something I would have done with or without the computer. The computer has made it easier

and quicker and that's it. As for playing the football game itself, the computer was just another tool like a pen and pencil, like a note pad and a notebook, like the playbook. It was just another tool that I used to prepare to play the football game. So if you guys have got any more questions, call my agent. That will be \$15 a question.

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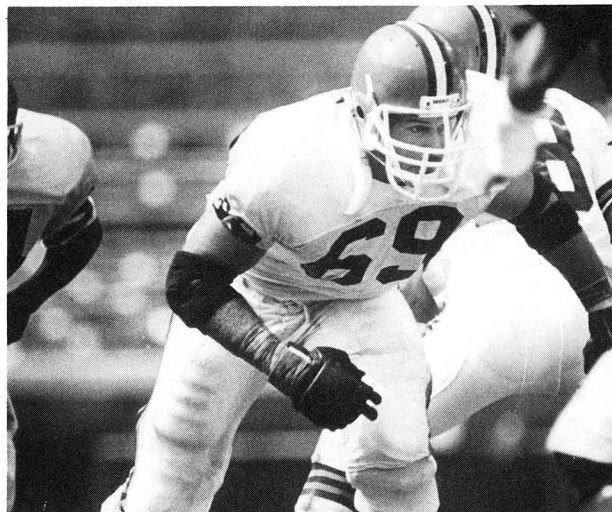
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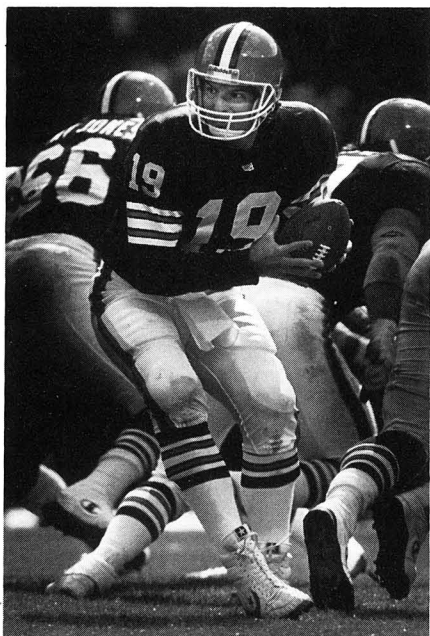
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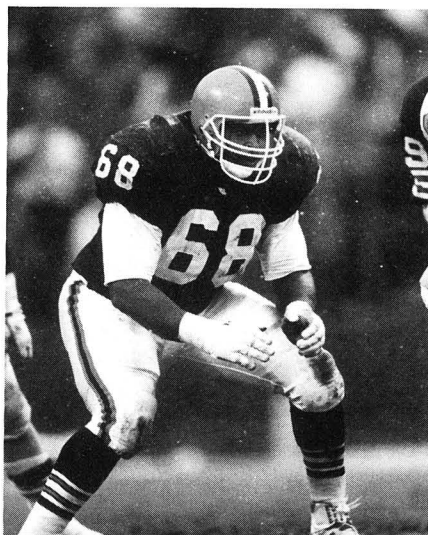
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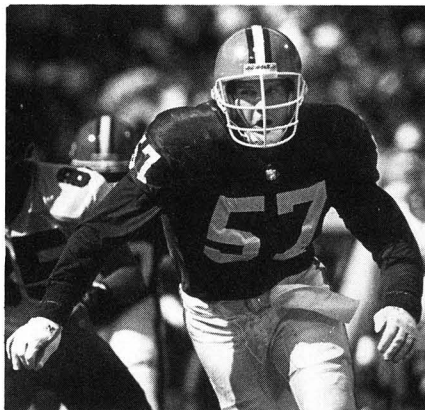
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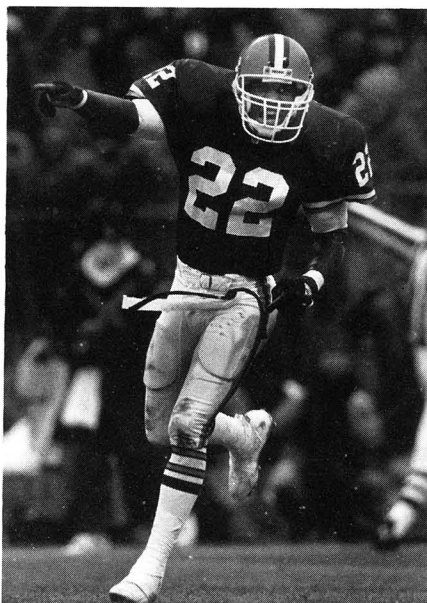
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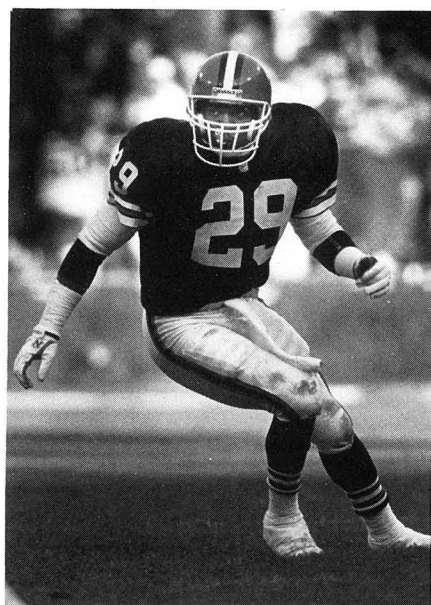
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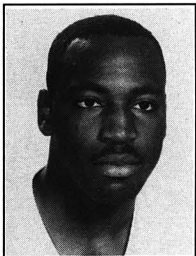
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Harlon Barnett 37 — Safety



5'-11", 200 lbs., 3rd Year
Michigan State
Princeton (Cincinnati, O.) H.S.
Born: January 2, 1967
Cincinnati, O.
Draft 4, 1990

PRO: Big hitter, who started 10 games for Browns last season at safety . . . Finished season with 60 tackles (sixth on team), one QB sack, a pass defense, three caused fumbles and seven special teams tackles . . . Spent most of rookie season (first 10 weeks) on injured reserve . . . Was Browns' fourth round pick, 101st overall in 1990 . . . Reunited with defensive coordinator Nick Saban, who was coordinator at Michigan State in Harlon's freshman and sophomore seasons . . . Nicknamed "Da Bang Stick" by his father, Carlis, for his ferocious hits.

Jim Bates

Bates, who coached the inside linebackers last season, has joined John Mitchell, also a defensive line coach.

JIM BATES, Defensive Line:

Born May 31, 1946, Pontiac, Mich. Linebacker Tennessee 1964-67. No pro playing experience.

College Coach:

Tennessee 1968, Southern Mississippi 1972, Villanova 1973-74, Kansas State 1975-76, West Virginia 1977, Texas Tech 1978-83, Tennessee 1989, Florida 1990.

Pro Coach:

San Antonio (USFL) 1984-85 (head coach in '85), Arizona (USFL) 1986, Detroit (Arena Football) 1988. Joined Browns in 1991.



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